

The Porsche anniversary year 2018

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30/12/2018 Mission E becomes the Taycan, the 992 celebrates its premiere and Dr. Wolfgang Porsche turns 75. Read more in the Porsche Newsroom's annual review.

And even more highlights in motorsports: Timo Bernhard lapped the 20.832 kilometre (12.94 miles) Nürburgring Nordschleife race circuit in **5 minutes and 19.55 seconds**. This results in an average speed of 233.8 km/h (145.3 mph) on what is revered by race drivers, engineers and enthusiasts alike as the world's most difficult track. Driving the Porsche 919 Hybrid Evo, Bernhard beat the previous lap record, set by Stefan Bellof, by 51.58 seconds.

The premiere also heralded the change of leadership at the top of the sports car model series: after almost two decades in charge of the 911 model series, and with additional responsibility for the 718 models since 2016, **August Achleitner** will hand over responsibility to Frank-Steffen Walliser in Q1 2019.

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